Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions are a perfect example of the dangers to the public's interest caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The public interest is not served by a one-sided political hit piece disguised as a "news program." But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what is truly in the public interest. The PUBLIC INTEREST will NOT be served by Sinclair's supposed news program, "A POW story: Politics, Pressure, and the Media". The only interest that will be served is SINCLAIR'S POLITICAL INTERESTS. This is a campaign ad for Bush/Cheney disguised as news those of you on the FCC know it, and so does everyone else. THE FCC IS ALSO ALLOWING IT'S POLITICAL INTERESTS TO GET IN THE WAY OF IT'S MANDATE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to STRENGTHEN media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sincerely, Wendy Brady